(c) if so, the details regarding the total production of the cars in the country and the number of cars which can be exported; and

(d) whether there are any concrete proposals or offers for exports of cars to other countries, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) (a) Sufficient capacity has been licensed in this sector to meet the projected demand of passenger cars in the country.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. Maruti Udyog Ltd. expects to export a few thousand cars. The total production of cars during 1985-86 has been about 103 thousand.

Prototype Development and Training Centre in Hyderabad

522. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for setting up of Prototype development and training centre for electronics at Kushaiguda, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh is under consideration of the Government since June 1978;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has already acquired 23 acres of land for setting up this centre and handed over the same to the National Small Industries Corporation in 1975; and

(c) if so, the stage at which the matter is resting at present and the reasons for delay in taking a final decision for setting up of the prototype development and training centre for electronics at Kushaiguda, Hyderabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The proposal had been referred to the Planning Commission who have suggested that as there were a number of similar proposals and in order to avoid duplication it would be desirable if a view on the various proposals is taken in a meeting to be convened by the Department of Electronics.

Product, design and development and service centre in Andhra Pradesh

523. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh requested the Central Government in June 1982 for the establishment of a field station for product design and development and service centre at Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh under the programme of assistance from UNDP|UNIDO;

(b) whether the scheme is still pending with the Central Government for clearance; and

(c) if so, the present stage of the matter and the time by which the scheme will be cleared by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal for establishing a Product Design and Development and Service Centre at Rajamundry was received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The proposal was considered but could not be accommodated under the programme of assistance from UNDP.

(c) Does not arise.

Rehabilitating sick Industrial Units

524. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reserve Bank of India has submitted a note to his Ministry on the approach

of Government and Government agencies regarding rehabilitating the Sick Industrial Units;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have accepted the approach outlined in the said note; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.
(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Lohia Machines Ltd., Kanpur

525. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Lohia Machines Limited, Kanpur has collected about Rs. 115 crores from the public against booking of Vespa XE Scooters as initial deposit;

(b) whether out of the collection a sum of more than Rs. 9.1 crores had been kept with the company as on 31st December, 1985 and totally misutilised against the interest of production of the company and/or the same has been diverted against the interest of this public limited company;

(c) if so, the facts thereof and action being contemplated to get such fund immediately deposited with public sector financial institutions so that the general public who had booked scooters may not be defrauded in any way; and

(d) what monitoring process is being followed to ensure that the Company quickens the process of production of scooters and expedites delivery without creating atmosphere of short supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Out of Rs. 115 crore received initially by the company against booking of scooters, Rs. 90.78 crore remain with it, after allowing for refunds against cancellations and adjustments against deliveries as on 31.12.85. The Company has advised having deployed funds as per guidelines issued by Government in this regard;

(d) The company has targetted a production of 1,00,000 Nos. in 1986 and 1,25,000 Nos. from 1987 onwards. In addition, Vespa Car Co. Ltd. promoted jointly by Lohia Machines Ltd. and Piaggio & C.S.p.a. of Italy and licensed to manufacture 2,00,000 Nos. per annum will also supply scooters against the booking of Lohia Machines Ltd.

Free home delivery of LPG cylinders

526. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to end the present system of free home delivery of cooking gas cylinders and charge an extra amount for this facility from the consumers; and

(b) whether some distributors of the Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petroleum gas in Bombay have resigned;

(c) if so, what is their number and what are the reasons given by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) No such decision has been taken.